

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION

STEVEN RALSTON,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
VS.)	No. 18-1185-JDT-cgc
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TAMARA FORD, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER DIRECTING ENTRY OF JUDGMENT,
CERTIFYING AN APPEAL WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN GOOD FAITH
AND NOTIFYING PLAINTIFF OF APPELLATE FILING FEE

Plaintiff Steven Ralston filed a *pro se* complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1.) On June 4, 2019, the Court entered an order dismissing the complaint and granting leave to file an amended complaint. (ECF No. 6.) The Court warned Ralston that if he failed to file an amended complaint within twenty-one days, the Court would assess a strike pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and enter judgment. (*Id.* at PageID 27-28.)

Ralston has not filed an amended complaint, and the time within which to do so has expired. Therefore, judgment will be entered in accordance with the June 4, 2019, order dismissing the complaint for failure to state a claim. Ralston is assessed his first strike under § 1915(g). This strike shall take effect when judgment is entered. *See Coleman v. Tollefson*, 135 S. Ct. 1759, 1763-64 (2015).

It is CERTIFIED, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(a), that any appeal in this matter by Ralston would not be taken in good faith.

The Court also must address the assessment of the \$505 appellate filing fee if Ralston nevertheless appeals the dismissal of this case. A certification that an appeal is not taken in good faith does not affect an indigent prisoner plaintiff's ability to take advantage of the installment procedures contained in the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b). *See McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 610-11 (6th Cir. 1997), *partially overruled on other grounds by LaFountain*, 716 F.3d at 951. *McGore* sets out specific procedures for implementing the PLRA. Ralston is instructed that if he files a notice of appeal and wishes to take advantage of the installment procedures for paying the appellate filing fee, he must comply with the procedures set out in the PLRA and *McGore* by filing an updated *in forma pauperis* affidavit and a current, certified copy of his inmate trust account for the six months immediately preceding the filing of the notice of appeal.

The Clerk is directed to prepare a judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ **James D. Todd**
JAMES D. TODD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE